Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 22 as follows:

Identification card reader 10 in one embodiment includes a housing 11, a display 12, a control panel 13 including control buttons, a magnetic stripe reader 14, a tray 15 for holding an identification card 16, and an optical reader module [[17-1]]. Display 12 may display such information as decoded or recognized information form ID card 16, or user prompt information which instructs a user on how to use reader in a certain application. Control panel 13 is useful for entering information into reader 10 including control information which alters the operation of reader or data such as data pertaining identification card 16 or the person corresponding to the card. Magnetic stripe reader 14 allows decoding of magnetic stripe reading information from identification card 16 in the case that card includes a magnetic stripe. Tray 15 holds identification card in position allowing imaging capture and processing of the image information of the card by optics module [[17-1]]. Reader 10 may also include other data input units such as an RF tag reader or a smart card reader [[19]].

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 2 as follows:

With processor architecture of the type shown in Fig. 2, a typical division of labor between processors 42 and 44 will be as follows. Processor 42 is preferably devoted primarily to such tasks as decoding image data, once such data has been stored in RAM 46-1, recognizing characters represented in stored image data according to an optical character recognition (OCR) scheme, handling menuing options and reprogramming functions. Processor 42 may also receive electrical signal information from magnetic stripe reader 14 as digitized by A/D converter 36-2. Processor 42 may also receive electrical signals from a smart card reader [[19]], or another data input source.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 31, line 18 as follows:

In another card security routine according to the invention described in connection with the flow diagram of Fig. 4d control circuit 40 may prompt a user to utilize reader 10 in order to read an identification card other than card 116. For example, after reading at least one dataform of card 16 at block 150 control circuit 40 may display on display 12 at block

152 a prompt message such as "INSERT CREDIT CARD IN MAG STRIPE READER" in order to prompt a user to swipe a credit card through mag stripe reader 14 of card reader ~~10~~ [[19]]. After reading the mag stripe encoded data ar block 154, control circuit 40 may then at block 156, compare the identification card data determined by image analysis of a card to the identification card data determined my mag stripe reader 14 to verify the card information. If control circuit 40 at block 158 determines that the data from the two cards does not match, control circuit 40 at block 160 may display an "INVALID CARD" message on display 12. As indicated by the block diagram of Fig. 2, control circuit 40 can be in communication with mag stripe reader 14. Control circuit 40 can be programmed to decode a data form from a first card to generate a first decoded message, read mag stripe data from a second card to generate a second decoded message, and compare the first and second decoded messages.